



*Cooper's hawk by Verne Nelson*

## **RAPTORS ARE THE SOLUTION**

is a broad, national alliance of individuals, non-profits, local governments, and others concerned about the ecological impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides. Founded in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2011 after birds of prey began dying from eating poisoned rats, we are working with cities and counties throughout California to encourage them to adopt resolutions discouraging businesses from selling dangerous rodenticides. So far, 7 cities and 2 counties have signed resolutions. *We are asking the public to support stores that remove these dangerous rat poisons from their shelves.*

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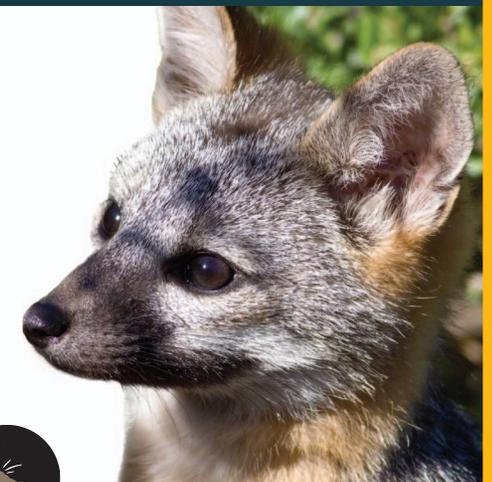


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# **BE HAWK & FOX FRIENDLY!**



**PLEASE REMOVE RAT POISON  
FROM YOUR SHELVES THAT THE  
EPA HAS DETERMINED POSE AN  
UNREASONABLE RISK**



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# Rat poisons are not only killing rats, foxes, and many other species of wildlife. And they are poisoning children.

**Background**

Second-generation anticoagulant products designed to kill rats and mice are also killing birds of prey, pets like dogs and cats, and many species of wildlife, including several endangered species. Recently, the mate of famous New York City red-tailed hawk Pale Male was confirmed to have died from ingesting a poisoned rat. These products are also poisoning children. According to the United States EPA, between 1999 and 2003, 25,549 children under the age of six had poisoning symptoms after exposure to rodenticides. In 2008, the U.S. EPA determined that various rodenticides posed an "unreasonable risk" to children, pets, and wildlife. The EPA gave the companies three years to switch to safer products, but three companies—Reckitt-Benckiser, Spectrum, and Liphatech—have refused to do so and have tied up the EPA's cancellation process in appeals. These products contain "second generation" anticoagulant compounds that can poison pets and children and cause hawks, owls, and other wildlife to bleed to death.



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Gray fox by Jerry Ting

## Problem Products

- D-Con Concentrate Kills Rats & Mice
- D-Con Ready Mixed Kills Rats & Mice
- D-Con Mouse Prufe Kills Mice
- D-Con Mouse Prufe Kills Rats & Mice
- D-Con Mouse Prufe II
- D-Con Pellets Generation II
- D-Con Bait Pellets II
- D-Con Ready Mixed Generation II
- D-Con Mouse-Prufe III
- D-Con Bait Pellets III
- D-Con II Ready Mix Baitbits III
- D-Con Bait Packs III
- Generation Meal Bait Packs
- Difethialone Bait Station
- Difethialone 6G Paste PI Pks
- Rid-A-Rat Rat & Mouse Killer
- Hot Shot Sudden Death Brand Mouse Killer
- Hot Shot Sudden Death Brand Rat Killer 1
- Hot Shot Sudden Death Brand Rat & Mouse Killer
- Hot Shot Sudden Death Brand Mouse Killer Bait Station

Please consider removing these products from your shelves and installing one of our "Hawk/Fox Friendly" signs in your window. If you are not willing to remove rat poison altogether, please consider putting one of our signs up near products—snap traps—that do not poison. We discourage the use of sticky paper or "glue" traps because they are inhumane.

Good Housekeeping has removed their seal of approval from D-Con Products!

